NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. C. Jebamony Nadar;

> "I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House in order to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the uneasy situation created by the hunger-strikes in the hostels of Trivandrum."

Does the honourable member make himself responsible for the accuracy of the allegation or the authenticity of the hunger-strike referred to?

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I would like to have a statement on the matter from the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: To my knowledge, a few students might have forgone a meal or two; I do not think there is any general hunger-strike. In fact, yesterday, the students were moving about; and I do not think they were starving.

PRESIDENT: As there seems to be controversy even about the authenticity of the report which has led to the notice of this adjournment motion, and since, in the light of the statement of the Director of Public Instruction, the matter does not seem to be of urgent public importance, I disallow the motion.

WALK-OUTS.

PRESIDENT: I have to invite the attention of the House to the proceedings of the meeting held yesterday. I find from the authenticated report of the proceedings the report given by the shorthand writer that Mr. Thanu Pillai has said.

> "**MR. A. THANU PILLAI:** Since this important matter which affects the public has not been allowed to be discussed on the floor of the House....."
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> **PRESIDENT:** Order, order, the honourable member will take his seat. He is not in order in canvassing the ruling of the Chair.
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> **MR. A. THANU PILLAI:** Since this important motion is declared not in order, I walk out of this Hall in protest."

With regard to the statement made by Mr. Thanu Pillai prior to the walk-out, I have to make the following observations by way of a ruling.

Any statement of policy, made on behalf of the Government, or made by the Dewan or the Dewan-President speaking as the exponent of the policy of Government or as the representative of the Government, can be objected to and protested against and, constitutionally, there is no objection to honourable members walking-out by way of protest in regard to such statements on administrative matters But in regard to the rulings of the Chair, namely statements made by the President as Chairman of the Assembly, and rulings of the Chair, they are binding on all the members of the Assembly and by universal

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